THERE'S SOMETHING IN YOUR HAIR, IZAWA.
A TRIVIAL BIT OF KINDNESS...!?

Ah...
IT'S FINE. THANK YOU.
OH, I'M SORRY!!
CRAP, I TOUCHED A GIRL'S HAIR!!

SANDA
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Chapter 6 Falling Banter
YOU'RE REALLY NICE, SANDA.
CRASH
AND A NON-TRIVIAL PHE-NOME-NON...!?

LATELY, THINGS AROUND ME...
IT HAPPENED AGAIN...
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CLING
CHING!
SMACK
牛乳
Milk
FWOOMP
KEEP...
FALLING DOWN?

IT'S PRETTY NOISY AROUND US ANYWAY, SO IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT TOO LOUD.
AND SHOULD WE REALLY TALK ABOUT IT OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS?
HMM, THAT'S STRANGE INDEED... MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH HOW FIDGETY YOU ARE?
IT DEFINITELY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH SANTA'S ABILITIES!!

OH, ABE-CHAN. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
Mirfh!

SORRY, B-BUT...
I CAN TELL... MORE OF SANTA'S ABILITIES KEEP MANIFESTING WITHIN ME GRADUALLY.
JUST TWO KIDS BELIEVE IN SANTA... AND THAT'S ALREADY MADE ME LIKE THIS...

...
BUT HOW WOULD MAKING THINGS FALL BE OF ANY USE TO SANTA?
YEAH, I DON'T GET HOW, EITHER...

I'M 161cm, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU DON'T SEEM ALL THAT TALLER THAN ME, NOW THAT I'M SEEING YOU UP CLOSE.
WAIT,

I'M 170.

SMASH

HEY, DON'T BE SO MATTER-OF-FACT ABOUT THAT!! I TOLD YOU MY REAL HEIGHT!! AND FUYUMURA, GIVE ME SOME OF YOUR HEIGHT!! EVEN JUST 2cm WOULD DO!!
I'M 182.
I'M ACTUALLY 168cm.
AH, MAYBE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH LYING?

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SINCE WE RUN A CAKE SHOP, MY FAMILY KNOWS A LOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT SANTA HATING LIES OR ANYTHING.
BUT... I STILL DON'T GET IT.

SANTA CLAUS GIVES NO PRESENTS TO NAUGHTY CHILDREN.

THINGS FALL WHEN HE GOES TO A NAUGHTY KID'S ROOM. AND WHEN THEY DO,
*Illustration
HE PROBABLY NEEDS A WAY TO KNOW IF SOMEONE'S BEEN NAUGHTY OR NOT.

!?
CLANG
THE KID WAKES UP. SANTA CAN'T LET HIMSELF BE SEEN,
SO HE HAS TO GO BACK WITHOUT GIVING THEM A PRESENT.
SINCE YOU'RE SANTA'S DESCENDANT, YOUR ABILITY HAS BEEN FINE-TUNED EVEN FURTHER TO A POINT WHERE YOU CAN DETECT IF SOMEONE'S LYING.
LYING IS THE MANIFESTATION OF A PERSON'S EVIL DEEDS, AFTER ALL.
IF WE CAN TELL IF SOMEONE'S LYING WITH YOUR POWER, THEN...
THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING, SANDA.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? OF THIS HYPOTHESIS OF MINE.
HMM...

YOU'RE REALLY NICE, SANDA.
'CAUSE IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THE PENCIL CASE DROPPING AFTER WHAT IZAWA SAID WHEN I TOUCHED HER HAIR WOULD MEAN THAT...
HYPOTHESIS REJECTED!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT I WAS REALLY GROSS, RIGHT!?
Did this guy really just touch my hair all of a sudden? I bet he was lying about something being stuck on it.
The Prettiest Girl in Class Izawa Miku
IZAWA ACTUALLY THOUGHT...
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY FULL THROTTLE MODE

IT'S NOT LIKE I ENTIRELY STOPPED CARING ABOUT GIRLS AFTER BECOMING SANTA. AND I DON'T WANNA KNOW IF SOMEONE'S LYING OR NOT!!
TRY LYING ABOUT SOMETHING.
HUH...? THAT'S TOO OUT OF THE BLUE... LET'S SEE...
ARGH!! DON'T!!
FORGET WE EVER TALKED ABOUT THIS!! I WAS JUST IMAGINING THINGS!!
HUH? BUT WHY?
THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE, SANDA!! WITH THIS, WE CAN LOOK FOR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHERE ONO-
THUMP

I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TWO.
HELLO THERE, FUYUMURA-SAN, AMAYA-KUN.

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WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
CHATTER
THE PRINCI-PAL...?
CHATTER
CHATTER

I'M SORRY, BUT MAY I BORROW THESE TWO FOR A MOMENT? ESPECIALLY--
YOU'RE SANDA-KUN, RIGHT?
His scar's gone...
FUYUMURA-SAN. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER PERSONALLY.
...
SANDA...
I'VE GOT A SECRET I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT
HUH?
WH... WHAT IS IT?
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FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY I MET YOU, I'VE ALWAYS...
I LOVE YOU.

CRACK
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WITH THIS... WE CAN FIGURE OUT ONO'S WHERE-ABOUTS !!
LET'S MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!!
GRAB
LET'S TEST IT OUT BY HOLDING A CLASS MEETING TODAY.
WE MIGHT JUST FIND OUT WHERE ONO IS!!
IT WAS BIG ENOUGH OF A LIE TO EVEN BREAK THE CEILING LIGHTS.
NOW WE KNOW FOR SURE... YOUR ABILITY LETS YOU KNOW IF SOMEONE'S LYING OR NOT!!
JUST HOW MUCH OF A NONCON-TENDER AM I...

UMM...
IT'S BEEN ONE MONTH AND ONE WEEK SINCE ONO-SAN WENT MISSING.

WE'RE DOING THIS NOW?
DON'T TELL ME THEY'VE STARTED SUSPECTING STUDENTS.

Emergency Class meeting
NOW, I'D LIKE TO INQUIRE ABOUT IT ONCE AGAIN.
IF ANYONE HAS ANY SORT OF LEAD ON THIS, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND...

I KNEW IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
ONO WAS A BIT OF AN ODDBALL, WASN'T SHE? THERE WEREN'T THAT MANY PEOPLE THAT TALKED TO HER.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M GETTING AT.

CHATTER
ONO MUST'VE BEEN WAY CUTER WITH HER GLASSES OFF.
CHATTER
CHATTER
...
THAT'S RIGHT... I DIDN'T KNOW ONO VERY WELL EITHER.
O-FUYU WAS HER CLOSEST FRIEND.
THAT'S ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT.

CHATTER
CHATTER
SHE WAS PRETTY WEIRD, HUH.
I NEED TO USE THE TOILET.
DON'T WANNA. I'M TOO SCARED.
HOW ABOUT WE ALL LOOK FOR ONO?
SHE STAYED HOME ALMOST ALL THE TIME.
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
ONO IS DEAD.
NOPE. THEY HAVEN'T FOUND HER BODY.
DIDN'T ONO DIE? THAT'S WHAT THE TEACHERS SAID.
I REALLY LIKED ONO.
CHATTER
CHATTER

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THERE'S A STUDENT WHO'S HIDING SOMETHING...!?
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